

the Resource

THE CITY OF GROVE CITY RESIDENT RESOURCE GUIDE

The Resource is a comprehensive, alphabetized guide to citizen services throughout the Grove City area. Our goal is to keep information up-to-date with each publication. Details may change over the course of the year; confirm details with the appropriate entity as needed.

Adopt-A-Spot - Assemblies

Adopt-A-Spot/Park/Beautification Area

(See *Beautification Programs*)

Airports

The Columbus Regional Airport Authority operates three airline services fulfilling the needs of residents and businesses.

Port Columbus International Airport, less than 20 minutes away from Grove City, provides passenger air travel to major cities worldwide.

The Bolton Field Airport, a general aviation airport, is located five minutes west of Grove City. Operators of turboprop, jet aircraft and helicopters enjoy aviation facilities and services including air traffic control service daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., corporate and leisure flight activity, flight training, banner towing, ballooning and aerobatics.

Rickenbacker International Airport provides airfreight opportunities 15 minutes from Grove City and combines a world-class airfield with the economic advantages of a general-purpose foreign-trade zone. More of the U.S. population can be reached within a one-day truck drive from Rickenbacker than from any other gateway location in the United States. Services include international air freight, freight forwarding, e-commerce fulfillment and warehousing services.

Port Columbus International Airport

4600 International Gateway, Columbus, Ohio 43219
614-239-4000

Bolton Field Airport

(reliever airport for Port Columbus)

2000 Norton Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228
614-851-9900

Rickenbacker International Airport

7161 Second Street, Columbus, Ohio 43217
614-491-1401

www.columbusairports.com

Animal Issues

(See also *Pet Rules*)

Report issues concerning stray animals or cases of animal abuse to the Capital Area Humane Society at 614-777-7387 or to the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control at 614-525-3400. These agencies also enforce animal-related laws.

For the collection of a dead animal from a city street or city property, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100. Report vicious dogs or other dangerous pets to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

Wild animals causing a nuisance can be reported to the Service Department at 614-277-1100. For injured wildlife, contact the Ohio Wildlife Center at 614-793-WILD (9453).

Arts in the Alley

The Arts in the Alley festival celebrating fine arts and music is held in the Grove City Town Center every September. This annual event is hosted by the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce. For information, call 614-875-9762 or visit www.gcchamber.org.

Assemblies/Block Parties/Parades

(See also *Special Events*)

Persons, groups and organizations cannot hold parades, block parties or any other assembly that closes off a roadway or otherwise interferes with the flow of traffic without a special permit issued by the Division of Police. Applicants must file a completed form with the Division of Police at least 15 days before the event. Applications can be found online at www.GroveCityOhio.gov; click on Department Forms.

Auto - Block Watch

Auto, Inoperable

Motor vehicles that do not operate, are disassembled or are not licensed or titled cannot be parked on public or private property other than inside a structure or enclosed area designed and approved for mechanical work on a vehicle. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless done inside an approved spray booth. Contact the Grove City Building Division for more information.

Grove City Building Division
4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3075
Building.GroveCityOhio.gov

Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations

Titles, registration and license plates for automobiles, motorcycles, mopeds and motor scooters are required by state law and are issued through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Operator licenses such as driver's licenses, temporary permits, motorized bicycle and motorcycle licenses, and commercial driver's licenses as well as state identification cards are issued by the BMV. Call service providers to confirm hours.

General information:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles Customer Service Center West
1970 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223-1101
614-752-7500
www.bmv.ohio.gov

Listing of BMV locations and services in Franklin County:
bm.ohio.gov/25.stm

Driver's license renewal and license plate services:

Deputy Registrar, Agency #2519
3040 Southwest Blvd., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-871-0415
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday,
until 5:30 p.m. Monday; 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday

Clerk of Courts title office, deputy registrar license agency, and driver license examination station:

Columbus Customer Service Center West
1970 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223
Customer Service Help Line: 614-752-7500
8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday;
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Driver's license exams:

Hilliard Driver Examination Station
4740 Cemetery Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026
614-529-1203
Testing: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday
CDL Testing
4060 Perimeter Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43211
614-351-7680

Beautification Programs

(See also Trees, Public)

Keep Grove City Beautiful (KGCB), an award-winning affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., is a nonprofit effort supported by the City of Grove City and the community to promote, educate and motivate all citizens to keep their environment clean and beautiful now and in the future. There are numerous opportunities within this organization available to residents including:

Adopt-A-Street/Park/Beautification Area: Civic groups, community organizations, families and individuals have the opportunity to lend a hand by collecting litter, planting flowers and weeding in landscape areas. This city-wide program allows citizens of all ages to make a difference. All cleanup supplies are provided.

Great American Cleanup: An annual event held in April or May in which groups join together to cleanup community areas or streams.

Garden Tour: The annual Garden Tour in June or July features various private residential gardens in Grove City and Jackson Township. Self nominations are accepted for tour locations; call 614-277-3058.

Keep Grove City Beautiful
4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3058
Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov/KGCB

Bicycles

Several Grove City laws are dedicated to bicycling to protect bicyclers, pedestrians and drivers. Bicycles ridden on streets, alleys or public highways in the City must be registered and licensed by the Grove City Division of Police. Visit the Grove City Safety Complex, 3360 Park St., to complete an application for a free license (includes owner's name and address, and the date of purchase, model and serial number for the bicycle). Licenses, important for the recovery of stolen bicycles, expire annually March 31 and must be renewed.

Birth Certificates

(See Vital Records)

Block Watch

Traditional block watch programs are designed to help prevent crime in neighborhoods by organizing and training residents to watch out for their homes and their neighbors' homes. Organized block watches have a high success rate in deterring crime. The Grove City Division of Police can help your neighborhood organize a block watch program; if interested, contact the Crime Prevention Coordinator at 614-277-1765. An online pamphlet on the Cyber BlockWatch Program is available at Police.GroveCityOhio.gov.

Blood Donation

The American Red Cross Central Ohio Region holds a community blood drive the first Tuesday of every month in the Kingston Center, 3226 Kingston Ave. For information on other local blood drives, call the local Red Cross office 614-253-2740 or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Building Division

Building and zoning regulations help ensure public safety. The Building Division reviews building plans and issues permits for all construction within the city. Building inspectors and code enforcement officers inspect new and existing buildings. All structures must be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. Orders for code compliance are issued when needed and enforced through the court system.

The division licenses contractors and regulates the local construction industry. Land use is regulated through the division's zoning functions. For businesses, the Building Division checks for proper zoning, adequate parking and signage compliance. Staff members serve as liaisons between the applicant and other governing agencies (e.g. the Franklin County Public Health, Jackson Township Fire Department) when appropriate.

Building Permits

Many improvement projects in the City require a permit to guarantee safety, including work involving electricity; plumbing; the addition or removal of walls, doors and windows; roofing and siding; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; hood suppression and fire-detection systems. Work on outdoor structures such as fences, sheds and decks requires permits, as do signs. Permits are only valid for work performed by the applicant. A homeowner's permit is valid only for the work he/she does. Contractors must obtain permits for the work they perform. City and state building codes require inspections on most permit types.

Contractors must register with the Building Division before doing business in Grove City. Homeowners considering a contractor are encouraged to contact the City for a list of registered contractors. The division inspects completed work to insure fulfillment of safety codes. If approved, a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Building Division
City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3075
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Building.GroveCityOhio.gov/forms

Burning, Open

Non-recreational open burning is prohibited in Jackson Township including Grove City. Recreational fires that do not contain rubbish are permitted but must remain under two feet by three feet. Bonfires (maximum five feet by five feet) require both Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval and permit, and a Jackson Township permit. Call the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588. Reach the Ohio EPA Central District Office at 614-728-3778.

Blood Donation - Chamber of Commerce

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

(See Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations)

Bus Service

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) serves the Grove City area via the #15 Grove City local and #64 Grove City express routes. A Park & Ride is at 2321 Old Stringtown Road (Stringtown Road and Parkmead Drive) and includes bicycle lockers. Riders pay by single trip or purchase daily, weekly or monthly passes. Discounts are given for all Medicare cardholders, disabled persons, adults 65 years or older (with COTA ID) and children 48" or taller and through age 12. Children under 48" tall ride free.

Central Ohio Transit Authority
Administrative Services and Pass Sales
33 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-228-1776

Phone lines are open:

Monday-Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Holidays: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pass sales office is open Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

www.cota.com

Bus Service/COTA Project Mainstream

A special transportation service is offered by COTA for those unable to use regular bus service due to a disability. Candidates must apply for eligibility by returning a completed Mainstream Application to COTA Mobility Services.

COTA Mainstream Mobility Services
1330 Fields Ave., Columbus, OH 43201
614-275-5828; TTY: 614- 275-5878; Fax: 614-272-3018
www.cota.com/Mainstream.aspx
Email: paratransit@cota.com

Chamber of Commerce

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce (GCACC) is a voluntary organization of businesses and professionals united to promote the civic and commercial progress of the community. More than 500 business members strong, this vital organization assists in guiding the economic viability of community businesses.

Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce
4069 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-875-9762 or 877-870-5393; Fax: 614-875-1510
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday
www.gcchamber.org

Children - City Hall

Children

For information on adopting or fostering a child, contact Franklin County Children's Services at 614-341-6060. Report suspected child abuse to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710 or call the Franklin County 24-hour Child Abuse and Neglect hotline at 614-229-7000. If it is an emergency and the child is in immediate danger, call 911.

For additional information regarding children's issues including internet safety, missing children and unruly minors, visit sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/info.

Children's Programs

The Grove City Department of Parks and Recreation offers a number of recreational, social and developmental programs for children. The department also offers two programs to assist parents with the care and development of their children.

RecSchool is a planned early childhood preschool program for children ages three and older. This program fosters social skills, independence, creativity and a love of learning. Sessions start in September and run through May. Call 614-871-6330 for information.

P.A.R.K. (Programmed After-school Recreation for Kids) is designed for working parents and others looking for before- and after-school recreation for children from kindergarten through fourth grade at select SWCS sites. A before-school program is available for intermediate students. An expanded, full-day program is available during summer break. Qualified child care staff direct cooperative games, outrageous play, fitness, indoor and outdoor activities, free art, special interest activities, and more. Call 614-277-3050 for information.

Churches

Grove City offers a wide variety of congregations. For more information, contact the Southwest Christian Ministerial Association at 614-875-4322. Visit the Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau website at www.visitgrovecityoh.com for a listing of local church services.

City Code

Local Grove City laws, the City Code, are available for viewing in the City Council Offices in City Hall and online at www.GroveCityOhio.gov (select City Code on left side) through the American Legal Publishing Corporation. For information, contact the Clerk of Council at 614-277-3065.

City Council

City Council in Grove City is composed of five members. One member serves in an at-large capacity, representing the community as a whole for a two-year term. The other four members each represent one of the City's four wards and serve four-year terms. The Council members choose the Council President. Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall; caucus meets 30 minutes previous. All meetings are posted on the Grove City website and open to the public. View ordinances and resolutions online at CityCouncil.GroveCityOhio.gov/Legislation.

2012-13 Council Listing

- City Council President/Ward 1 - **Ted A. Berry**
614-539-9000
- Ward 2 - **Jeffrey M. Davis**
614-539-0506
- Ward 3 - **Melissa Albright**
614-374-4154
- Ward 4 - **Maria C. Klemack-McGraw**
614-439-9002
- At-Large - **Steve Bennett**
614-871-4869

City Council Offices

City Hall - 4035 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123
Clerk of Council - **Tami K. Kelly**, MMC
614-277-3065; Fax: 614-875-3066

City Hall

The main Grove City municipal building is located in the historic Town Center at Broadway and Park Street and houses many City offices including the Mayor's Office, City Council, the Building Division, the Development Department, the Finance Department, Information Systems, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Business and Community Relations Office. City Hall is a source of community information and features displays of posters, fliers and other materials detailing upcoming community events and opportunities as well as the current issue of this publication containing City news, events and Parks and Recreation programs.

City Hall

4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3000

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
www.GroveCityOhio.gov

Citizens Police Academy - Court, Franklin County

Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is an extension of the Grove City Division of Police Community Partnership. It provides insight into the mission, goals, objectives and operations of the Division of Police through education. The CPA is designed for residents of the City of Grove City and Jackson Township. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences and education with other citizens to help improve community and police partnerships.

Grove City Division of Police
3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1740
Police.GroveCityOhio.gov/CPA

Community Gateway Signs

The City maintains sign holders at two locations: Broadway near I-270 and Stringtown Road near I-71. Non-profit Grove City community groups are welcome to display signs in these holders when not in use by the City. Signs must be four feet high by eight feet wide, one sided, constructed of plywood and professionally produced. Written application is required. Contact the Business and Community Relations Office at 614-277-3040 to request an application packet including regulations.

Community Statistics

- Population: 35,817 (MORPC 2013 estimate)
- Size: 16.3 square miles
- Total Housing Units: 14,900^s
 - Owner Occupied: 9,819
 - Renter Occupied: 4,276
- Median Age: 38.9 years^s
- Average Household Size: 2.53^s
- Median Household Income: \$60,370^s
- School District: South-Western City Schools
- Location: Southwestern Franklin County, six miles southwest of Columbus
- Employment Base: Education, manufacturing, distribution and retail

*2010 Census

^s 2012 estimates, ESRI Business Analyst

Additional information can be found on the Grove City website.

www.GroveCityOhio.gov/Business/Community

Community Services Bureau

The Grove City Division of Police Community Services Bureau (CSB) deals with the many police/youth needs within the community, working cooperatively with the schools, youth, parents and other resources to enhance and further develop positive roles for juveniles in the community. CSB plays a critical role as a "service bridge" between the division and families, school systems, juvenile court and human services.

Staffed by a sergeant, two D.A.R.E. officers, two school resource officers and a crime prevention coordinator, the CSB oversees the division's Explorer Post and handles investigations of crimes committed by and against minors in the school setting and educates youth about crime prevention and safety.

The Community Services Bureau offers the following programs and services:

- Citizens Police Academy
- School Liaison Program
- Bicycle Safety
- Child ID
- D.A.R.E. Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- Drunk Driver Simulator
- Explorers
- Safety Town
- Stranger Awareness (part of D.A.R.E.)
- Third Grade Safety Belt Education

Grove City Division of Police
3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1740
Police.GroveCityOhio.gov/Youth

Court, Grove City Mayor's

Grove City Mayor's Court is located in the Safety Complex adjacent to the Division of Police. The court is directed by a magistrate who presides over cases ranging from traffic offenses to misdemeanor criminal charges. The court case list and online payment information can be found on the City website. Cases are heard each Wednesday.

Grove City Mayor's Court
3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1715
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Administration.GroveCityOhio.gov/Court

Courts, Franklin County

The General Division of the Common Pleas Court presides over felony criminal offenses and civil cases concerning damages or amounts in controversy exceeding \$15,000. Its Domestic Relations Division and Juvenile Branch deals with family law issues such as divorce, child custody, paternity and truancy. The Tenth District Court of Appeals hears appeals of final judgments made by the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, the Franklin County Municipal Court and the Ohio Court of Claims. For filings or records for these entities, contact the Franklin County Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.

Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas
373 South High St., 23rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-3624

Tenth District Court of Appeals
373 South High St., 24th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-3580; Fax: 614-525-7249

Franklin County Court of Common Pleas
345 South High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-3600

www.franklincountyohio.gov/clerk

Crime Prevention - Emergency Preparedness

Crime Prevention

The Grove City Division of Police is committed to a proactive approach to policing, and offers residents and businesses a wide array of information regarding crime prevention and safety. A series of brochures detailing ways citizens can help counter crime are available at the Municipal Safety Complex at 3360 Park Street. For information, call 614-277-1765.

Grove City Division of Police
3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1765
Police.GroveCityOhio.gov/CrimeInfo/Prevention

Curfew

Individuals under the age of 18 not accompanied by a parent or guardian are subject to a curfew in Grove City between the hours of midnight and 4:30 a.m. For more information, call the Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

Death Certificates

(See *Vital Records*)

Development Department

Grove City is an excellent place in which to live and do business. With a vibrant business climate, great interstate highway access, stable government, healthy City finances, strong educational opportunities, a diverse housing market and numerous development prospects, Grove City offers unmatched opportunities to new and existing businesses. The Development Department provides financial, informational and technical assistance to those making an investment in Grove City's present and future. Specific services aid new businesses while maintaining a strong focus on retention of existing enterprise. Administrative and legislative emphasis is placed on the development requirements, which set high standards to ensure quality development and planned growth. The result is distinctively pleasing – and there is no doubt that Grove City is a community on the move. Many forms utilized by the Development Department are accessible online, including preliminary development plans, development-plan applications, lot-split requests, rezoning requests, and special-use permit applications.

Development Department
City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3000
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Development.GroveCityOhio.gov

Door-to-door Sales

(See *Solicitations*)

Driver's Licenses

(See *Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations*)

Driving – Special Rights of Way

Emergency Vehicles: Drivers must yield the right of way within 500 feet of any public safety or coroner's vehicle displaying flashing, rotating or oscillating lights or issuing an audible signal by siren, whistle or bell. Drivers should immediately stop their vehicle on the right edge of the roadway and remain in that position until the safety vehicle passes.

Funeral Processions: Pedestrians and drivers must yield the right of way to each vehicle participating in a funeral procession. Whenever the lead vehicle enters an intersection, the remainder of the vehicles in the procession may follow through the intersection regardless of the traffic-control devices or normal right of way.

School buses: Vehicles must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of a bus stopped to pick up or discharge students while flashing red warning lights are displayed. Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are off. If driving on a roadway with four or more lanes, the driver need not stop if traveling the opposite direction of the bus.

Electric Service

(See *Utilities*)

Electronic Newsletter

From the Grove, the City's official e-newsletter, features City news, events and tips. Sign up to receive free regular editions by visiting the Grove City website at www.GroveCityOhio.gov.

Emergency, Financial

For emergency financial assistance, contact Grove City Emergency Services 9:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 614-871-1334, or the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 614-233-2000.

Emergency: Medical, Fire or Criminal (911)

The Grove City Division of Police and the Jackson Township Fire Department including fire fighting and EMS are immediately accessible through the 911 emergency-calling system. For non-emergencies, contact the Grove City Police at 614-277-1710 and the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588. When calling 911 from a cell phone, first state your location and phone number as cell phones do not provide the dispatchers with this vital information.

Emergency Preparedness

Create a disaster plan then practice and maintain it. For information on creating a plan, contact Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security at 614-794-0213 or fcmhs.org; the American Red Cross at 614-253-2740 or www.columbus.redcross.org; the United States Department of Homeland Security at www.dhs.gov; or the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.ready.gov.

Employment

(See *Jobs and Family Services*)

Jobs with the City are posted in local newspapers and on the City website. The City is an equal opportunity employer and features a smoke-free and substance-free environment. Pre-employment drug screening and background checks are required. Applications for employment are available on the Grove City website and are processed electronically using the NEOGOV system. Those interested in employment can complete a job interest card to receive email notification of available opportunities.

City Hall

4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3000

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Administration.GroveCityOhio.gov/HumanResources

Evans Center

The Evans Center is an integral and valued component in Grove City's diverse recreational programming. The City is dedicated to helping individuals 55 and older live meaningful lives of dignity, enjoyment and useful purpose. The center improves and enriches lives with innovative programs including education, social events, sports, recreation and volunteer opportunities. Residents ages 55 and older may join the center for just \$5 a year (\$10 for non-residents). Special transportation services are operated through the center (see Senior Transportation).

Evans Center

4330 Dudley Ave., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1060

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov/Evans

Events, Community

(See also *Special Events*)

The City is proud to present a full slate of annual community events for residents of all ages. There is always something exciting to see or do in Grove City, so take part in the array of entertainment choices available in the area. Annual City-sponsored events include the Herb and Perennial Plant Sale at the Gardens at Gantz Farm, the free Summer Sizzle Concert Series in the Town Center, the Blast at Beulah celebration of American independence, the K-9 Carnival dog event, Balloons and Tunes Hot Air Balloon and Music Festival, Boo on Broadway at Halloween, and the Christmas Celebration to usher in the holiday season. Community events are published on the City's website and in the Source, mailed to Grove City homes three times annually. Look for information on the gateway signs on Broadway and Stringtown Road, in kiosks and display cases around town, and on the City's social media outlets. For information, contact the Parks and Recreation Office.

Parks and Recreation Department

City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3050

www.GroveCityOhio.gov/Events
facebook.com/GroveCityOhio;
twitter.com/GroveCityOhio

Employment - Fire Department

Explorers

The Grove City Division of Police Explorer Post is a volunteer program that allows youth ages 14 to 21 the opportunity to explore law enforcement as a career. Explorers gain hands-on experience working with police officers. Participants must possess good moral character and carry a grade point average of at least 2.0 to be involved in the program.

Grove City Explorer Post 886

3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1740

Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the fiscal integrity of the City through fiscal and tax management. The City of Grove City enjoys an "Aa1" rating from Moody's Investors Services, and has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for more than two decades.

Finance Department

City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
614-277-3025

Finance.GroveCityOhio.gov

Fire Department

Fire and emergency medical services are provided by the Jackson Township Fire Department with four strategically located fire stations. Stations are located at Grove City and Demorest roads, State Route 665 and Hoover Road, Hoover Road and Southwest Boulevard, and Buckeye Parkway north of Holton Road. The Hoover/Southwest location also houses administration and training facilities. Jackson Township's more than 100 full and part-time firefighters log over 500 fire and EMS runs per month. The fire department offers a variety of other services to make the community a safer place in which to live, work, and grow. These include CPR, adult safety, car seat fittings, extinguisher classes, school fire safety programs; and home and business safety inspections.

Jackson Township Fire Department

Station 201: 4343 Grove City Rd., Grove City, Ohio 43123
Station 202: 3650 Hoover Rd., Grove City, Ohio 43123
Station 203: 2650 London-Groveport Rd., Grove City, Ohio 43123
Station 204: 4900 Buckeye Pkwy., Grove City, Ohio (opens 2014)
614-875-5588

Emergency: 911
www.jacksonstownp.org/fire

Food Pantry - Government, State

Food Pantry

Grove City citizens help their neighbors in need through the Grove City Emergency Services Food Pantry and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. Grove City supports Emergency Services by collecting non-perishable food and personal care items at all City-sponsored events and at City Hall. The Food Pantry is located at the Grove City United Methodist Church and is available by appointment.

Grove City Emergency Services

**For an appointment, contact HandsOn Central Ohio 2-1-1 or
614-221-2255
www.grovecityfoodpantry.org**

Financial donations can be made to:

**Grove City Food Pantry & Emergency Services Inc.
c/o Grove City United Methodist Church
2710 Columbus St., Grove City, OH 43123**

**Mid-Ohio Foodbank
3960 Brookham Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123
www.midohiofoodbank.org**

Garage Sales

In order to preserve quality of life in all Grove City neighborhoods, the City regulates garage and yard sales. Residents are limited to two sales per year, and all sales require a permit by law. Permits can be obtained at City Hall, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits are \$2 and valid only for the days designated. In case of a subdivision-wide sale, all participating residences still must obtain a permit. Signage is restricted to one sign at the sale and two signs at other locations displayed between the night before the sale and when the sale is over. Signs must be three square feet or smaller, and must be unlit with no movement (e.g. no balloons). Signs are never permitted on public poles, traffic signs or fences or in the right of way (i.e. between curb and sidewalk).

Government, County

Grove City is in Franklin County, the 33rd largest county in the United States. The county provides many services to Grove City including a sheriff's department and various levels of courts as well as a county coroner, engineer, auditor, recorder and treasurer. A three-person board of commissioners oversees services such as animal control, child support enforcement, job and family services, an office on aging, and public facilities management. The commissioners appoint members to more than 40 authorities, boards, committees and commissions.

**Franklin County Commissioners Office
373 South High St., 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-3322
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
www.franklincountyohio.gov**

Government, Federal

Grove City is located in the 15th Congressional District for the United States House of Representatives.

United States House of Representatives: www.house.gov

The state of Ohio is represented in the United States Senate by two senators.

United States Senate: www.senate.gov

Government, Municipal

Grove City operates under a form of government mandated by the City Charter adopted in 1958 and most recently amended in 1985. The form of government outlined in the charter is a strong Mayor-Council-Administrative-Assistant Plan. While the Mayor and Council positions are elected, the City Administrator (Administrative Assistant) is appointed by the Mayor. Filling out the administration are several department heads, appointed by the Mayor. These City employees work directly under the City Administrator and include Development Director, Finance Director, Law Director, Parks and Recreation Director, Safety Director (heading the Building Division and the Division of Police) and Service Director.

Government, State

Grove City is located in District 23 for the Ohio House of Representatives and District 16 for the Ohio Senate.

**77 South High St., Governor's Office, Columbus, Ohio 43215
Governor John R. Kasich
614-644-4357
www.governor.ohio.gov**

**Ohio House of Representatives, District 23
State Representative Cheryl L. Grossman
77 South High St., 10th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215
614-466-9690
www.ohio.statehouse.org**

**Ohio Senate, District 16
Senator Jim Hughes
Ohio Statehouse, Senate Building, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-5981
www.ohiosenate.gov**

Government, Jackson Township - Hotels

Government, Jackson Township

The City of Grove City lies within the geographical boundaries of Jackson Township. The township government is based on a three-member Board of Trustees. The township partners with the City on programs that enhance the quality of life for all residents. Among the primary functions of Jackson Township is providing fire and emergency medical services.

Jackson Township, Administration Offices

3756 Hoover Road, P.O. Box 517, Grove City, Ohio 43123

614-875-2742; Fax: 614-871-6456

www.jacksontownship.org

Michael Lilly, Administrator

Ron Grossman, Clerk/Fiscal Officer

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Township Meetings:

Biweekly, every other Tuesday

1:30 or 7:30 p.m.

Township Trustees:

Chairman, David Burris, 614-875-8186

Stephen Bowshier, 614-875-1777

Jim Rauck, 614-875-2742

Herb Garden

(See Parks)

High Grass or Weeds

Exterior property must be free from plant growth higher than six inches, including all grasses, annual plants and vegetation other than trees or shrubs. This does not apply to cultivated flowers and gardens. Failure to maintain the property can result in a citation, prosecution and removal of the vegetation by the City at the owner's expense. Contact the Building Division with concerns or to report a violation at 614-277-3075 or visit the Grove City website at Building.GroveCityOhio.gov/Complaint to complete the Property Maintenance Complaint Form.

History

Grove City traces its beginnings to land grants bestowed upon Revolutionary War veterans General Daniel Morgan and Colonel William Washington. Hugh Grant, Jackson Township's first white settler, set up a farm on some of this land at the turn of the 18th century. In 1846, William Foster Breck purchased 15 and a half acres from Grant's son. In 1852, Breck and a commission of three other men laid out Grove City.

The community's steady growth resulted in Grove City becoming an incorporated village in March 1866. Town doctor Joseph Bulen was elected as the first mayor that May. As the 20th century approached, Grove City solidified its position as a "bedroom community" of Columbus with the completion of the Grove City and Greenlawn Street railway. Though this railway ceased operations in the late 1920s, proximity to Columbus continued to spur growth and the village became a city on Nov. 16, 1959.

A community which always has valued its historical foundations,

Grove City is still home to numerous landmarks. Key historical sites include St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plank's on Broadway, the Railroad Station, and the Gantz Farmhouse. Additionally, Century Village at Fryer Park includes a turn-of-the-century historic area complete with a renovated one-room schoolhouse, log cabins, a blacksmith shop and barns. The history of the area is preserved by the Southwest Franklin County Historical Society and the Grove City Library. Regular exhibits and local historical artifacts can be found at the Grove City Welcome Center and Museum in the Town Center.

Grove City Welcome Center and Museum

3378 Park Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Historical Preservation Area

The Grove City Town Center is where the community took root more than 150 years ago. To maintain the flavor of our historic past, the City of Grove City designated it a "Historical Preservation Area" and maintains separate regulations for design and improvements in the area. The boundaries are the properties facing Broadway from Southwest Boulevard south to approximately 341 feet south of Woodlawn Avenue; on Park Street from the railroad tracks east to Haughn Road; and on Columbus Street from Broadway east to Haughn Road.

Home Improvements

(See also Building Division)

The Grove City Building Division offers free guidance when it comes to improving your home. The division requires contractors to register before providing services to its residents and maintains a list of registered contractors. In addition, the division tracks validated complaints against area contractors.

Before taking on a home improvement project, check on your contractor: call the Building Division at 614-277-3075 or visit the Grove City website for a list of currently registered contractors. Many home improvement projects require permits including those involving electricity; plumbing; the addition or removal of walls, doors and windows; roofing and siding; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning. If in doubt, call the Building Division at 614-277-3075 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Building.GroveCityOhio.gov/Contractors

Hotels

Grove City offers a wide variety of lodging opportunities for visitors to the central Ohio area. For a full listing of accommodations and services, contact the Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau

3378 Park Street, Grove City, Ohio 43123

614-539-8747 or 800-539-0405; Fax: 614-539-8762

www.visitgrovecityoh.com

Immunizations - License Plates

Immunizations/Health Services

Grove City is served by the Franklin County Board of Health, which provides services and information related to public health including flu shots, pet rabies clinics, and community clinics offering vaccinations for chicken pox, hepatitis, meningitis, tetanus and others for a fee.

A community clinic is held at the Jackson Township Offices, 3756 Hoover Road, the second Thursday of every month 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Appointments are required; call 614-525-3719 or visit www.myfcph.org/imm.php.

Franklin County Public Health
280 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215
614-525-3160
myfcph.org/index.php

Jackson Township

(See *Government, Township*)

Jobs and Family Services

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is responsible for developing and supervising the state's public assistance, workforce development, unemployment compensation, child and adult protective services, adoption, child care and child support programs.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
30 East Broad Street, 32nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-2100
jfs.ohio.gov

Office of Ohio Workforce Development
888-296-7541; Fax: 614-728-8366
jfs.ohio.gov/owd

Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
Anthony Trotman, Director
1721 Northland Park Ave., Columbus, OH 43229
614-233-2000
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
www.franklincountyohio.gov/commissioners/jafs

Junk Cars

(See *Auto, Inoperable*)

Keep Grove City Beautiful

(See *Beautification Programs*)

Laws

(See *City Code*)

Leaf Collection

Residents of Grove City enjoy many public services, including curb-side leaf collection each fall. The Grove City Service Department collects leaves raked to the curb in front of the residence. Please do not place leaves in the street as they may clog storm drains. The city is divided into eight areas and each area is assigned two weeks for collection. The leaf collection service runs mid-October through mid-December. Planned collection dates may change due to weather conditions and when the leaves fall. Call 614-277-1100 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with questions. The map and schedule are posted on the City website at Service.GroveCityOhio.gov/Leaf.

Library

The Grove City Library location of the Southwest Public Libraries (SPL) is a full-service regional library with specialized adult, audiovisual, reference and youth services departments. The Grove City Library offers wi-fi access and computers for public use with Internet capability and Microsoft Office products.

As a part of the Central Library Consortium with the Columbus Metropolitan and Worthington Public libraries and eight other members, the facilities provide access to more than 4 million books, eBooks, periodicals, DVDs, CDs and recorded books. The Grove City Library houses a local history collection. The staff answers reference questions and provides assistance in the use of library resources.

Other resources offered by the library include literary and artistic programs for all ages including the SPL Summer Reading Club, attracting more than 4,000 children annually, and instruction in technology and genealogical research for adults. SPL further serves the community through its outreach program, delivering library services to home-bound individuals, nursing homes and childcare centers.

Southwest Public Libraries, Grove City Library
3359 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-875-6716

9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday
1 to 5 p.m., Sunday
www.swpl.org

License Plates

(See *Auto Titles, Licenses, Registrations*)

Maps - Overgrown Yard

Maps

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce regularly publishes a map of the community, available free at City Hall.

The Franklin County Engineer's Office, 970 Dublin Road in Columbus, issues maps of Franklin County. Access a county atlas online for free at www.fceo.co.franklin.oh.us/maps.htm, or in printed form for \$1. Free folded, road maps (44- by 37- inches) are available free at their office and various other locations including City Hall.

Marriage

(See also *Vital Records*)

Marriage license applications are processed through Franklin County Probate Court. Applications are available for pickup and online. All marriage applicants must appear before Probate Court to obtain a marriage license. Copies of marriage licenses are obtained from the Franklin County Marriage Department.

Franklin County Marriage Department
Franklin County Courthouse
373 South High St., 23rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6311
614-525-3108
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
www.franklincountyohio.gov/probate

Mayor

The Mayor is elected for a four-year term. The Mayor is recognized as the chief executive and attends all meetings of City Council with the right to participate in debate, but not to vote.

Mayor - Richard L. "Ike" Stage
614-277-3006

Mayor's Court

(See *Court, Grove City*)

Meals-on-Wheels

This program administered by LifeCare Alliance delivers hot, nutritious meals to home-bound individuals. To volunteer, contact LifeCare Alliance at 614-437-2902 or www.lifecarealliance.org. Routes are picked up from the Evans Center and take about 90 minutes to deliver. Training is provided. For client services, call 614-278-3130.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

For assistance with mental health as well as alcohol and drug abuse treatment services and recovery care, contact ADAMH at 614-224-1057. For 24-hour crisis assistance, call ADAMH's front door, NetCare Access, at 614-276-CARE (2273).

ADAMH Board of Franklin County
447 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-224-1057; Fax: 614-224-0991
www.adamhfranklin.org

Museum

(See *Welcome Center and Museum*)

Newspapers

Three newspapers service the Grove City area. The Southwest Messenger is published every other Monday and ThisWeek Grove City Record is published every Thursday. In addition, the city is served by the Columbus Dispatch, central Ohio's daily newspaper.

The Grove City Record, ThisWeek Community Newspapers
7801 North Central Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035
740-888-6100
www.thisweeknews.com

The Southwest Messenger, The Columbus Messenger Co.
3500 Sullivant Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43204
614-272-5422
www.columbusmessenger.com

The Columbus Dispatch
34 South Third St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-461-5000
www.dispatch.com

Noise Complaint

(See also *City Code*)

Uninvited noise is considered unreasonably loud if it is plainly heard at another resident's property more than 100 feet from the property line of the source of the sound. Restrictions may vary by hour of the day. Noise restrictions are detailed in Chapter 509 of the City Code. To report a problem, contact the Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

Notary Services

The City of Grove City and Jackson Township Administration and Fire Department have notary services available to the public. For information, call Grove City Administration at 614-277-3000, Jackson Township Administration at 614-875-2742 or the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588.

Overgrown Yard

(See *High Grass or Weeds*)

Parking Restrictions - Permits/Inspections

Parking Restrictions

Vehicles parked on the street must face the same direction as traffic. Unattended vehicles must have the engines off and the ignitions locked with keys removed. Vehicles cannot be parked on the street while for sale or during repair, except in an emergency. Parking is prohibited in or on intersections, sidewalks, street lawn areas, bridges or underpasses, designated fire lanes, next to an already parked vehicle, or anywhere prohibited by temporary or permanent signage.

Vehicles weighing more than 8,000 pounds (trucks, buses, tractors, trailers, semi-trailers) cannot be parked or be left standing on any street for more than one hour. Vehicles including trailers, boats and campers, parked at residences must be entirely in the driveway, not in the yard. Recreational vehicles (trailers, boats and campers) cannot be left standing on a residential street, other than with temporary permission from the Division of Police to park for up to 24 hours.

For detailed information, see Chapter 351 of the City Code, viewable online at www.GroveCityOhio.gov.

Parks

(See Park Locations/Amenities and Map in The Source)

Grove City maintains more than 260 acres of city parkland featuring large signature parks with sports fields and courts, a garden, shelters, a fishing pond, historical buildings, a labyrinth, an off-leash dog area and an all-access space-themed play space as well as smaller neighborhood parks with playgrounds.

Other Local Offerings

- **Battelle Darby Creek**, 1775 Darby Creek Dr. in Galloway, is operated by Columbus Metro Parks and encompasses more than 7,000 acres offering hunting, fishing, ice skating, canoeing, nature programs and more. Call 614-508-8000 or visit www.metroparks.net for more information.

Parks and Recreation Department

The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing safe and enjoyable environments for parks, open spaces and high-quality, innovative and cost-effective programs.

The department is one of 119 agencies in the country, seven in Ohio, to be accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) at the National Recreation and Parks Association Annual Congress. The department is noted throughout central Ohio for the innovative programs it offers to people of all ages and abilities. Courses for preschoolers, youths, teens, adults and seniors address fine arts, athletics, life skills and much more. The department coordinates adult sports leagues serving more than 300 teams and 6,000 players annually including men's, women's and co-rec softball, cornhole, and co-rec volleyball. The youth basketball, volleyball, and Little League® and fall baseball programs serve more than 2,500 children.

For casual recreation, Grove City has hundreds of acres of developed active and passive park areas, ranging in size from one to 110 acres. Numerous neighborhood parks are located throughout the community, many with playground equipment. Miles of walking and biking trails are also available.

Grove City Parks and Recreation Department

4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123

614-277-3050

Sports weather/information line: 614-277-3060

Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov

Park Watch

Park Watch is a partnership among Grove City residents and visitors, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Division of Police to promote community involvement in the prevention of crime and vandalism and to alleviate suspicious activity in our parks. While visiting any park, residents are asked to be on alert for incidents of vandalism, unruliness and other obvious, wrongful activities. Report suspicious or unlawful activities to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710. Report vandalism or unsafe/broken equipment to the Parks and Recreation Office at 614-277-3050.

Park Rentals

(See Shelter Rentals)

Passports

U.S. citizens traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, must present a valid passport. To obtain a passport for the first time or to replace one lost or stolen, issued before age 16, or expired, citizens must go in person to a passport acceptance facility, including the Grove City post office, with two photographs, proof of U.S. citizenship, and a valid form of photo identification (e.g. driver's license). Mail-in renewals are possible if the most recent passport is undamaged and available to submit, was issued in the past 15 years, the holder was 16 or older at time of issue, and holder's name is the same or legal documentation of the name change is included.

Routine service takes approximately 10 weeks; or expedited service can be completed in two weeks.

National Passport Information Center

877-487-2778

www.travel.state.gov/passport

Grove City Post Office

2082 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123

614-539-8919

Permits/Inspections

(See Building, Division of)

Pets - Pot Holes

Pet Rules, Regulations and Rescue

Only domesticated dogs and cats are allowed in City parks and must be on a leash six feet or less and controlled at all times; a new off-leash dog area is available at the parkland on Demorest Road. Owners must clean up after pets in public areas and on property not belonging to the owner. City residents are prohibited from owning more than a total of three domesticated animals (e.g. three dogs, two cats and one dog) with the exception of puppies or kittens under 90 days old. A violation is a minor misdemeanor.

By state law, dogs must be immunized against rabies and licensed in the county of residence. Contact the Franklin County Auditor's Consumer Services Division at 614-525-3260 or go to the Franklin County Auditor's website for more information.

To adopt a pet, contact the Franklin County Dog Shelter at 614-525-DOGS (3647), the Capital Area Humane Society at 614-777-7387, Cat Welfare at 614-268-6096, or one of a number of other local agencies.

franklincountyauditor.com/dogs/your-dog

Phone Numbers, City Hall

- General Information: 614-277-3015
- Mayor's Office/City Administration: 614-277-3006
- Building Division: 614-277-3075
- Community Relations Office: 614-277-3040
- Development Department: 614-277-3000
- Finance Department: 614-277-3025
- Parks and Recreation Department: 614-277-3050
- Public Safety/Division of Police: 614-277-1700
- Non-emergency Police/Fire: 614-277-1710
- Service Department: 614-277-1100
- Clerk of Council: 614-277-3065

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meets once a month on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of each month. Meetings are held in Council Chambers, City Hall, 4035 Broadway, at 1:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

Grove City Planning Commission
4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3000

Development.GroveCityOhio.gov/PlanningCommission

Police, Division of

The Grove City Division of Police is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), one of only 10% of the law enforcement agencies in the United States to earn this recognition.

The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.

The Division manages by objectives rather than crisis and develops high-quality service through innovative technology and training methods, specialized investigation, and professional,

unbiased enforcement. The division is committed as a team to ensure the citizens and visitors to Grove City are in a safe, secure environment and to establish themselves as one of the finest agencies in central Ohio. The division accomplishes its mission by adhering to these core values: integrity, teamwork, respect, duty and excellence.

For information on safety, visit the website to view all of the Grove City Division of Police pamphlets.

Key Police Phone Numbers:

- Administration: 614-277-1700
- Anonymous Tip Line: 614-277-1808
- Community Services: 614-277-1740
- Detective Bureau: 614-277-1750
- Mayor's Court: 614-277-1715
- Police Records: 614-277-1714
- Fax: 614-277-1717

Grove City Division of Police
3360 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
Emergency: 911
Police Dispatch: 614-277-1710
Police.GroveCityOhio.gov
facebook.com/GroveCityOhioPolice
twitter.com/GroveCityPolice

Pollution

All private property must be maintained in good repair by the owners. Structures must be sound and sanitary. Grounds must be free from high and noxious weeds, and any waste must be secured in containers. For concerns regarding private property that is unsanitary or in violation of local codes, contact the Building Division at 614-277-3075. For issues concerning air and water pollution, hazardous or infectious waste and landfills, contact the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Central District Office at 800-686-2330.

Post Office

RETAIL STORE
2082 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123-3994
614-539-8919
www.usps.gov

CARRIER OFFICE
2539 Dartmoor Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123-3685
614-875-6327

Pot Holes

To report damage to roads within the city not including the interstates, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100. For damaged roadways on an interstate, contact the District 6 office of the Ohio Department of Transportation at 800-372-7714 or www.dot.state.oh.us/dist6/pothole.asp.

Public Meetings - Refuse

Public Meetings

(See also *Jackson Township*)

Meetings of City Council, the Park Board, and the Planning Commission are held in Council Chambers in City Hall and are open to the public. City Council meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m., preceded by a caucus at 6:30 p.m. Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. The Park Board meets the second Tuesday of every other month at 6 p.m. A meeting calendar and meeting agendas and minutes for City Council and the Planning Commission can be found on the City website at www.GroveCityOhio.gov.

Public Service Department

(See *Service Department*)

Recycling

(See also *Refuse*)

Grove City's voluntary curb-side recycling program is available for all homes, condominiums and apartments of four families or less from which Local Waste Services collects refuse. A recycling bin may be obtained at the Grove City Service Department, 3262 Ventura Blvd., Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., or in City Hall, 4035 Broadway, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place all recyclables in the recycling bin a few feet away from regular refuse. Separation of items is not necessary; all recyclables are collected in one truck and sorted at the recycling center. The following items can be placed in the recycling bins for pickup: paper items including newspaper, magazines, mail and fliers, office paper, telephone books; cardboard and paperboard such as cereal or 12-pack boxes (do not include items covered with food waste); aluminum beverage and food cans; steel food cans; bottles and jars made of clear, green, blue or brown glass; and plastic bottles and jugs marked #1-7. Do not include the following items: oil jugs, plastic other than bottles including bags, glass from windows and dishes/cups, pots and pans, coat hangers, paint cans or tissues. A full list of SWACO residential drop boxes is located online at www.swaco.org.

Refuse

(See also *Recycling, Yard Waste*)

The City of Grove City currently contracts with Local Waste Services to provide weekly curb-side collection of solid waste, recyclables, and yard waste on the same day. The service is billed quarterly. To start service or for collection-day information, call Local Waste Services at 614-409-9375.

Place refuse, recyclables, yard waste and items for special pickup at the curb between 6 p.m. the evening before and 6 a.m. the day of collection. Filled plastic garbage bags must weigh 50 pounds or less and be strong enough to hold contents without tearing. Please wrap or place glass and sharp items in a puncture-resistant container before bagging to promote worker safety.

Local Waste Services does not collect large rocks, earth, concrete, explosives, poison, asphalt, auto parts, paint in liquid form, or commercial waste. A 95-gallon, wheeled cart is available for rent.

Holiday Collection: Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If a holiday falls on a weekday on or before your collection day, service is delayed for one day that week only.

Special Items:

- **Recyclables:** place in bins or use a "Recycle Only" sticker on dedicated cans.
- **Yard waste:** place in brown yard waste bags or in containers labeled "yard waste only." Tree limbs, bushes, etc., are accepted only as four-foot lengths and one-inch diameters or less bundled with twine (do not use wire or plastic).
- **Latex paint:** remove lid and place with regular trash once hardened. To harden, fill can with kitty litter and let dry.
- **CFC (Freon) appliances:** refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers are collected for a per-item fee. Call Local Waste Services to schedule collection.
- **Bulk items/white goods:** non-Freon appliances are picked up at no additional charge on scheduled service day with at least 24-hours prior notice to Local Waste Services. Remove the hinges to the door/lid of any airtight or semi-airtight container such as a refrigerator before placing outside.

Local Waste Services

1300 South Columbus Airport Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207
614-409-9375

Other Refuse:

The following materials are not collected by Local Waste Services, but can be taken to the appropriate facility for disposal; fees may apply. Jackson Township holds community cleanup events each spring and fall.

- **Batteries and light bulbs:** Batteries Plus, 2251 Stringtown Road, accepts batteries for disposal/recycling, including lead acid, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion, and lithium polymer. They also accept spent light bulbs and ballasts as well as portable electronic devices such as cell/ smartphones, laptop/netbooks, MP3s, PDAs and portable tools for recycling. Call 614-594-5205 for information.
- **Building materials:** it is the responsibility of the homeowner to have materials from any contracted services removed by the hired contractor. For assistance with refuse issues, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100.
- **Electronics (personal):** for outdated electronic equipment, contact Cinco Electronics Recycling at 614-277-9999, or take materials to 2235 Southwest Blvd., Bldg. #A.
- **Household hazardous waste:** contact the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) at 614-871-5100 or www.swaco.org for collection dates and locations.
- **Tire collection:** take to the Liberty Tire Service at 3041 Jackson Pike, 614-871-8097. There is a nominal charge.

Residency - Seniors

Residency

Many programs sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department have separate fees for residents and non-residents. A resident is defined as a citizen of Grove City with a home address within the corporation limits of the City of Grove City, for which property taxes are paid supporting the department. A zip code indicates the post office from which mail is distributed; 43123 includes addresses in Franklin, Jackson and Pleasant townships; Harrisburg; Urbancrest and Columbus.

To determine a Tax District, visit the Franklin County Auditor's website at www.franklincountyauditor.com/your-property and search for your address. The first three digits of the parcel number indicate the Tax District. Grove City is 040, unincorporated Jackson Township is 160 and Urbancrest is 161. The Parks and Recreation Department now offers resident rates to those paying Grove City municipal income taxes with appropriate documentation.

Road Construction

For road construction information within the city limits of Grove City, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100. For road construction information on interstates and roads in Central Ohio outside the city limits of Grove City, contact Paving the Way at 614-645-PAVE (7283), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or www.pavingtheway.org.

Safety Building

(See Police, Division of)

Safety Town

Grove City Safety Town is an annual, seven-day safety program for children entering kindergarten provided by Jackson Township Professional Firefighters Local #2672 with support from the Jackson Township Fire Department and Trustees, and the City of Grove City Division of Police. Representatives from the Jackson Township Fire Department and Grove City Division of Police, certified school teachers and teen volunteers spend time playing and teaching the rules and expectations students need to know when they start school. Morning or afternoon sessions are available.

Grove City Safety Town
614-390-0426
www.gcsafetytown.org
gcsafetytown@gmail.com

Schools

As Ohio's sixth-largest school district, the South-Western City School District South-Western covers 119 square miles of rural, suburban and urban territory in the southwestern quadrant of Franklin County. The District services approximately 20,000 students in grades kindergarten through grade 12. There are five elementary schools, three intermediate schools, three middle schools, two high schools and a technical education center located in Grove City, in addition to the South-Western Special Education Preschool Center.

South-Western City Schools District Service Center
3805 Marlane Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-801-3000; Fax: 614-871-2781
www.swcs.us

Other schools serving the Grove City area:
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grades K-8
614-875-6779
www.olphsaints.org

Grove City Christian School, Grades K-12
614-875-3000
www.gccsk12.org

Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Grades Preschool-8
614-875-1147
www.beautifulsavior-gc.org/main.htm

Bishop Ready High School, Grades 9-12
614-276-5263
www.brhs.org

There are seven Head Start Centers in the Grove City area.

Head Start Main Office
4308 Haughn Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-801-8425; Fax: 614-801-8443
Enrollment: 614-801-8438;
Spanish Enrollment: 614-801-8429
www.swcs.us

Seniors

(See also Evans Center)

Grove City area residents 55 and older can seek social and recreational services at the Evans Center. The center also provides information on other local assistance programs geared toward older citizens. Additional information and services including Adult Protective Services are available through the Franklin County Office on Aging.

Learn about services for older individuals:

Franklin County Office on Aging
280 East Broad St., Room 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-5230; Fax: 614-525-5300
Senior Options: 614-525-6200
www.officeonaging.org

Report senior abuse:
Adult Protective Services:
614-525-4348

Senior Transportation - Snow Removal

Senior Transportation

Evans Center members can receive van/minibus transportation to grocery stores, banks or medical appointments for just \$2 per round trip. The buses provide non-driving members with transportation to and from center activities. Two buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts, but all participants must be able to board the bus without assistance from the driver. Transportation services are provided to Grove City/Jackson Township residents for Grove City-area destinations. Schedule an appointment at least three days in advance including for Evans Center outings by calling 614-277-1060.

Service Department

The Service Department is key to providing assistance to our residents. Services include plowing snow, collecting leaves, making road repairs, facilitating special events and coordinating beautification efforts. Urban forestry, which cares for trees on city property and advises citizens on tree care, is also a function of this department.

Service Department
3262 Ventura Blvd., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-1100
Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday
Service.GroveCityOhio.gov

Shelter Rentals

Windsor and Gantz parks feature shelters available for public rental for gatherings. Windsor Park has a large shelter house and Gantz Park has a gazebo, one large and one small shelter house. Shelters are available to the public year-round, dawn to dusk, and are open to use if not already reserved; check the reservation sheets mounted on the shelters for availability. Reservations for the year open the third Tuesday in January.

Eagle Pavilion offers residents an opportunity to host an event in the beautiful natural surroundings of Fryer Park while enjoying year-round protection from the elements. The facility features an open design with generous natural lighting, an outdoor fireplace and patio area, a warming kitchen and large bathrooms. Reserve the pavilion up to 365 days prior to your event. Call the Parks and Recreation Office at 614-277-3050 for more information.

Shopping

From major retail chains to intimate, family-owned shops, Grove City citizens have access to a variety of retail outlets to satisfy their shopping needs. A number of major retailers and restaurants are located in shopping centers on Stringtown Road and along Hoover Road, State Route 665 and Broadway. The historic Grove City Town Center offers specialty shops and cozy restaurants in a relaxed atmosphere reminiscent of times gone by. Visit a gift shop, buy flowers, frame a picture, get a haircut or even catch a play – all within a short walk down Broadway.

Signage

(See also Community Gateway Signs)

For information on requirements and restrictions for installing and displaying signs within the City of Grove City, contact the Grove City Building Division at 614-277-3075. Signs, including those advertising yard and garage sales, are never allowed in the easement between the sidewalk and the curb or posted to poles.

Skate Park

This 11,000 square-foot outdoor facility for skateboarders and in-line skaters at 3728 Hoover Road is for skaters of all skill levels and features a large concrete bowl with walls ranging from three to 18 feet high with varying degrees of slope and contours. This state-of-the-art park also includes a variety of obstacles such as curbs, blocks and rails. Due to the design and surfacing of the skate park features, bicycle riding is prohibited.

Smoking Restrictions

By state law, smoking is prohibited in public places and businesses except for retail tobacco stores, outdoor patios, private clubs, family businesses and designated areas in lodging facilities. For details, contact the Ohio Department of Health.

Ohio Department of Health
246 North High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-3543;
Smoking Ban Enforcement Line: 866-559-6446
www.odh.ohio.gov
NoSmoke@odh.ohio.gov

Snow Emergency

Whenever there is a snow fall of two inches or greater and it is deemed to be a serious public hazard to transportation, a snow emergency is declared in the City by the administration. During the duration of the snow emergency, there is no parking on any city street marked with "snow emergency" signage other than to load or unload passengers or property. Any vehicle left unattended on a snow emergency route will be removed at owner's expense. Snow emergencies are lifted by declaration of the administration.

Snow emergencies declared by the Grove City administration are not related to snow emergencies declared by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office which may restrict use of roadways by motor vehicles. Visit sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/info for information.

Snow Removal Service

The Service Department salts and removes snow on city streets as the need arises. Plows typically are not used for snow accumulation under two inches. Road treatments are prioritized with main arteries cleared first (i.e. Broadway, Stringtown Road, Hoover Road, Kingston Avenue) followed by secondary streets, neighborhoods and courts.

Social Media - Sports

Social Media

(See also *Police, Division of*)

The Community Relations Office encourages residents and visitors to keep informed by using the social media sites Facebook and Twitter. While we maintain other notification systems such as the "From the Grove" e-newsletter, Facebook and Twitter feeds are a simple and timely communication tool.

Facebook: [facebook.com/GroveCityOhio](https://www.facebook.com/GroveCityOhio)

Twitter: twitter.com/GroveCityOhio

Solicitations

To work in Grove City, all solicitors must obtain a permit. This includes all non-profit, religious and business representatives selling items, taking orders or collecting donations without invitation by the resident. To register, a person must complete an application form available at City Hall or via download at Administration.GroveCityOhio.gov/Forms and pay a registration fee to cover the cost of processing at least 14 days prior to the start of business. Permits are issued to applicants who comply with the terms and conditions and are valid for 90 days.

Solicitors must present a copy of a valid permit upon request. Possession of a permit does not imply the support of the City for any cause or business. For information on obtaining a permit, call 614-277-3000. If concerned about business conducted in your neighborhood, contact the police at 614-277-1710.

Source

The Source is the official publication for city news, special events information, and the latest array of Grove City Parks and Recreation offerings, including classes, activities and trips for all ages. The City of Grove City publishes the Source three times annually, and mails the publication to residences inside the corporation limits of the city. Copies are available for pick up in the Parks and Recreation drop box on the parking lot side and locations throughout Grove City. The winter edition of The Source also includes The Resource, a detailed guide of information useful to Grove City citizens.

Special Events

A special event is any temporary event or gathering held outdoors or in a temporary structure exceeding 300 participants during any single day or 1,000 for the entire event. It requires a Special Event Permit from the Grove City Division of Police. Applicants must file a written application at least 90 days before the event begins. A special event handbook and permit applications are available in City Hall and online at www.GroveCityOhio.gov/Forms. Call 614-277-3000 for details.

For requests to close city streets, the applicant must meet with Division of Police officials to work out details. The Jackson Township Fire Department also issues Special Event Permits when a fire code official deems it essential for public safety. The official may require the event promoter to contract with the fire department for fire watch and emergency medical services. Large tents and air-supported structures

require a special permit. Safety is of utmost importance. For information, call the Jackson Township Fire Department at 614-875-5588.

Sports

The Grove City Parks and Recreation Department offers a year-round youth sports schedule that includes Little League® baseball in the spring and summer, fall baseball for ages 5 through 17 volleyball for children in grades 3 through 12, and basketball for children in kindergarten through grade 12. Boys and girls compete separately in basketball; baseball and volleyball are co-rec. Youth sports participants register as individuals and are assigned to a team. Each player receives a team shirt.

The adult sports programs include summer and fall softball for competitive and recreational men's, women's and co-rec teams. Co-rec adult volleyball and cornhole are offered as well. Adult participants register by team.

See "The Source" for opportunities for youth and adults to stay active including registration information.

Grove City Parks and Recreation
4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3050; Fax: 614-277-3090
Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov/TeamSports
Sports weather/information line: 614-277-3060

The Grove City Kids Association manages recreational and travel sports for youth. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 8 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. Sports include spring, summer and fall soccer programs for ages 5 through 18; football for kindergarten through grade 7; cheerleading for ages 4 through 14; and softball for youth in prekindergarten through grade 12.

Grove City Kids Association
4570 Haughn Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-871-0080; Fax: 614-871-5536
www.gckasports.org

The Grove City Branch of the YMCA offers enrichment and athletics opportunities for all ages and abilities.

YMCA - Grove City Branch
3600 Discovery Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-871-9622
ymcacolumbus.org/grovecity

Southwest Community Center is associated with the YMCA of Central Ohio and offers programs in arts and recreation.

Vaughn E. Hairston YMCA
3500 First Ave., Urbancrest, Ohio 43123
614-539-1770
ymcacolumbus.org/hairston

There are many other youth and adult sports opportunities including indoor roller hockey, roller skating, bowling, gymnastics and cheerleading available through private facilities.

Street Lights - Traffic Lights

Street Lights

Within the city limits, certain street lights are maintained by the Grove City Service Department while others are the responsibility of American Electric Power (AEP). If the street light is on a metal pole, call the Service Department at 614-277-1100 with the street name and pole location or pole number (one to three digit code on a reflective plate at the base). Call AEP at 800-277-2177 for problems with lights on wooden poles.

Street Signs and Signals

The director of public safety is responsible for the placement and timing of all traffic control devices including street signs and traffic signals. Requests for new or altered signage or other traffic control devices for city roadways can be directed to the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

Subdivisions

Like many growing communities, Grove City is made up of many subdivisions, they include:

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| • Autumn Grove | • Hennigan's Grove | • Pine Grove |
| • Briarwood Hills | • Holton Run | • Pinnacle |
| • Claybrooke Crossing | • Hoover Crossing | • Scioto Meadows |
| • Concord Lakes | • Hoover Park | • Tanglebrook |
| • Concord Park | • Indian Trails | • Westgrove |
| • Creekside | • Keller Farms | • Ziner Farm |
| • Crossing at Grant Run | • Margie's Cove | |
| • Elgin Field | • Martha's Wood | |
| • Farmbrook | • Meadow Grove | |
| • Grant Run Estates | • Park Ridge | |
| • Haughn Glen | • Park Side Estates | |

Swimming

The Big Splash at Evans Park is the community water park for Grove City. The park is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The Big Splash features zero-depth entry, interactive water toys, a six-lane lap pool, a large body slide, and two aquatic climbing walls. Out-of-the-water features include relaxing green space, lounge chairs, shade structures, presentation stage and a concession stand. A sloped entrance to the pool makes it accessible to everyone. Season passes are available for purchase annually by residents and non-residents. Daily passes are only available to residents or guests of residents or season pass holders.

The Big Splash
2831 Southwest Blvd. (behind Brookpark Middle School)
Grove City, Ohio 43123

For information during the off-season, call Grove City Parks and Recreation at 614-277-3050. During the season, call 614-277-3941 to speak to a staff member in Guest Relations.

Other swimming options are offered through the YMCA.

Grove City YMCA
Indoor and outdoor pools
3600 Discovery Dr., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-871-9622
Vaughn E. Hairston YMCA
Indoor pool
3500 First Ave., Urbancrest, Ohio 43123
614-539-1770

Taxation, Estate, Property and Real Estate

For information on the taxation of estates, personal property and real estate, including questions about rates and appraisals, contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office.

Franklin County Auditor
373 South High St., 21st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-3200
www.franklincountyauditor.com

Taxation, Income

The City of Grove City requires all residents over the age of 18 to file a city income tax return. Grove City income tax returns are due by April 15. The City has contracted with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) to administer income tax. Downloadable forms are available at www.ritaohio.com. The City of Grove City's income tax is levied on all salaries, wages and other compensation, self-employed income, income from rental property and the net profit of corporations. Credit is given for income taxes paid to another participating municipality. Payment of income tax to the City of Grove City makes the payee eligible for resident rates for Parks and Recreation programs. Direct income-tax questions to the Finance Department at 614-277-3025.

Town Center

(See also Historic Preservation Area)

Grove City's Town Center is the historic heart of the community located on Broadway (U.S. 62). It is home to City Hall as well as shops, restaurants and a live-production theatre. It is host to a number of events throughout the year including Summer Sizzle concerts, Arts in the Alley, the Christmas Celebration and the Farmers' and Harvest markets.

Grove City Town Center, Inc.
3378 Park St., Suite C, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-539-8762
www.grovecitytowncenter.org

Traffic Lights

To report a non-functioning traffic light, contact the Grove City Division of Police at 614-277-1710.

Traffic Tickets

(See Court, Grove City)

Transportation/Commuter Alternatives

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) RideSolutions program promotes alternatives to driving alone - van pools, carpools, transit, walking and cycling to work. The goals are to reduce congestion in the region, save commuters on fuel costs and improve the environment. Using computerized software, RideSolutions provides helpful options for commuters to share the ride to work.

Visit the RideSolutions website for commuter alternatives www.morpc.org/transportation/ridesolutions/ridesolutions.asp or call RideSolutions to learn more at 888-742-RIDE.

**Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission RideSolutions
888-742-RIDE (7433)**

Trash Collection

(See Refuse)

Contact Local Waste Services at 614-409-9375.

Tree Care

When new public trees are planted, the City requests assistance from residents with mulching and watering. To properly mulch a tree, place hardwood or Com-Til around the trunk area 1½ to 2½ inches deep after May 1 every two years. Do not "volcano mulch" by placing heaping mounds of mulch against the trunk which restricts air flow, blocks water from the roots and keeps the trunk damp increasing the risk of insects, fungi, bacteria and wood rot. Avoid mulching with cypress, stone or brick chips as they can negatively affect the acidity of the soil.

Trees are not to interfere with visibility at intersections, maintenance and operation of utilities, or paved street surfaces. Tree limbs cannot hang less than nine feet above the sidewalk. Tree limbs extending over streets must be trimmed so the tree does not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. Large-class species trees cannot be planted within 75 feet of any public utility line above or below ground.

Call 614-277-1100 with questions about tree care.

Traffic Tickets - Urban Forester

Trees, Public

All trees located between the curb and sidewalk are by law public and therefore the property of the City of Grove City whether planted by a resident or the City. It is the responsibility of the City to plant, maintain and remove these trees. Utility companies may prune or remove trees they deem hazardous. Grove City has approximately 12,000 public trees. No one may cut, carve, poison or otherwise damage, transplant or remove public trees. Also prohibited are the attachment of materials such as rope, wire, nails, or posters; burning near enough to damage with flame or heat; and "topping," severely cutting back the canopy leaving limb stubs wider than three inches. Written permission from the service director is required before major landscaping or construction is done within 10 feet of a public tree. Call 614-277-1100 for further information.

Trick or Treat

As a member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, a voluntary group of 42 local communities cooperating for the benefit of the region, Grove City holds Trick or Treat/Beggars' Night on the same evening as most others in the Columbus metropolitan area. As a family-friendly alternative to traditional Beggars' Night activities, the City and local businesses offer Boo on Broadway at the same date and time. These events are rain or shine.

Urbancrest

The Village of Urbancrest is located immediately to the north of Grove City in Jackson Township. The village has an estimated population of 1,100. Urbancrest was laid out as a village of 30 people on Nov. 1, 1890, with an original plat of just under 100 acres. The Village of Urbancrest was incorporated in 1948 with Eugene Seabury appointed as the first mayor; Hannibal Johnson was the first elected mayor.

**Village of Urbancrest Administration
3492 First Avenue, Urbancrest, OH 43123
614-875-1279; Fax: 614-875-1359
villageofurbancrestoh.com
urbancrest@sbcglobal.net**

Mayor: Joseph L. Barnes Sr.

Urban Forester

(See Service Department)

Urgent Care - Volunteer Opportunities

Urgent Care

The greater Columbus region supports 20 hospitals with a combined total of more than 6,000 beds. In addition, Grove City is served by two urgent care facilities. Many additional facilities are easily accessible from Grove City.

Mount Carmel Urgent Care

Open weekdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.;

Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

3000 Meadow Pond Court, Suite 200, Grove City, Ohio 43123
(near I-71 and SR 665)
614-871-7130

OhioHealth Urgent Care — Grove City Health Center

Open daily 9 a.m. to Midnight

2030 Stringtown Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123
(614) 883-0160

Utilities

- **Electricity** - American Electric Power (AEP): 800-277-2177
- **Gas** - Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.: 800-344-4077
Emergency Number: 614-461-1576
- **Telephone (land lines)** – AT&T Customer Care:
800-288-2020
- **Water** - Columbus Division of Water: 614-645-8270
- **Sewerage** - Grove City Service: 614-277-1100
After-hours: 614-645-1710
- **Trash Service** - Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375

For problems with utilities you are unable to resolve with the company, contact the Public Utilities Commission at 800-686-PUCO (7826) or visit www.puco.ohio.gov.

Veterans

The following groups serve veterans in our area. Contact the American Legion for information on local Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations.

American Legion Paschall Post 164

3363 McDowell Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-875-5106

Veterans of Foreign Wars 8198

3363 McDowell Road, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-875-5106

Grove City Community Based Outpatient Clinic (Veterans' Health Administration)

1955 Ohio Ave., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-257-5800

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission
250 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215-2787
614-525-2500

www.franklincountyohio.gov/vets

Ohio Department of Veterans Services

77 South High St., 7th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-644-0898 or 888-DVS-OHIO (387-6446)
Fax 614-728-9498
dvs.ohio.gov

V.I.P. Program

The Volunteer Involvement Program engages teens in grades 7 through 12 in giving back by performing community assistance and helping with a variety of special events. Volunteers donate their time for the great feeling of helping others. The time earned can fulfill middle school and high school service requirements and strengthen college applications. Contact the Grove City Parks and Recreation office for information or visit the Grove City website to download the application.

V.I.P. Program

4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-277-3058; Fax: 614-277-3090
Parks.GroveCityOhio.gov/VIP
Email: Irosine@GroveCityOhio.gov

Visitors Bureau

(See Welcome Center and Museum)

Vital Records

To obtain vital records for birth, death, marriage and divorce, contact the Ohio Department of Health at 614-466-2531. Fees apply. For walk-in requests for Ohio birth and death certificates only, visit the Office of Vital Statistics. For events that occurred in Franklin County, records also are available through the Columbus Public Health Department.

Columbus Public Health Department

240 Parsons Ave., Columbus, OH 43215-5331
614-645-7333; Fax: 614-645-8158
www.publichealth.columbus.gov

Ohio Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

225 Neilston Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-2531

www.odh.ohio.gov/healthstats/vitalstats/vitalstatsmainpage.aspx
VitalStat@odh.ohio.gov

Volunteer Opportunities

(See also Beautification Programs, Citizens Police Academy, Meals-on-Wheels, V.I.P. Program, Keep Grove City Beautiful)

The City of Grove City offers volunteer opportunities for a variety of ages and interests, including youth coaching, teen service opportunities, herb garden activities, adopt-a-street/park cleanup, services on numerous board and committees and more. The Evans Center provides community members opportunities to provide helping hands to older people, family caregivers and disabled persons. Call Grove City at 614-277-3000 to be directed to the proper contact.

For additional opportunities to volunteer in Franklin County, contact HandsOn Central Ohio at 2-1-1 or 614-221-2255.

Voting - Yard Sales

Voting

All U.S. citizens age 18 or older on election day who have been both a resident of Ohio and registered to vote in the state for at least 30 days can vote. Register at a county board of elections or treasurer's office, the secretary of state's office, public high schools (including vocational), an office of the bureau of motor vehicles, public libraries or designated offices of agencies providing public assistance. Registration by mail is done through the board of elections or the secretary of state's office.

Ohio offers three choices for casting a vote: voting at a designated polling place on election day, absentee voting by mail up to 35 days before election day, and early in-person absentee voting at your county board of elections or other designated voting center up to 35 days before election day.

Polls are open on election day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Election-day votes must be made in your precinct at your designated polling place. For your polling location, contact your county board of elections or use the voter lookup tool available on the Secretary of State's website, www.MyOhioVote.com. Voters must show an acceptable form of identification such as a current, valid driver's license or state identification card; a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows your name and address; military identification

Franklin County Board of Elections

280 East Broad St., Room 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-525-3100; Fax: 614-525-3489
vote.franklincountyohio.gov

Ohio Secretary of State, Elections Division

180 East Broad Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215
(877) SOS-OHIO (767-6446)
www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections.aspx

Water Service

(See also *Utilities*)

Water services are provided by the City of Columbus.

City of Columbus,
Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water
910 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215
7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday
Customer Service: 614-645-8270
(answered 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
After-hours Emergency: 614-645-7788
utilities.columbus.gov

Sewerage services are provided by the City of Grove City. For problems with the sewerage system, contact the Service Department at 614-277-1100 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; after-hours call Grove City Police at 614-277-1710.

Websites, Local Interest

City of Grove City:
www.GroveCityOhio.gov

Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce:
www.gcchamber.org

Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau:
www.visitgrovecityoh.com

Grove City Town Center Inc.:
www.grovecitytowncenter.org

Grove City Food Pantry:
www.grovecityfoodpantry.org

Jackson Township Administration:
www.jacksontownship.org

Jackson Township Fire Department:
www.jacksontownship.org/fire

South-Western City Schools:
www.swcs.us

Southwest Public Libraries:
www.swpl.org

Welcome Center and Museum

The Grove City Welcome Center serves as a visitor center and museum in the Grove City Town Center. Travel and tourism information is available 24 hours per day at the 3378 Park Street entrance. The Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau answers questions and assists in the planning of trips, social functions, business meetings and other events in the Grove City area. Other occupants of the building include Grove City Town Center, Inc., Southwest Franklin County Historical Society and the Franklin County Genealogical and Historical Society. The other three agencies do not have regular office hours at this time.

Grove City Area Visitors and Convention Bureau
3378 Park St., Grove City, Ohio 43123
614-539-TRIP (8747) or 800-539-0405
www.visitgrovecityoh.com

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
or by appointment and during special events

Work Permits

To obtain a work permit for a high school student, contact a local high school guidance office.

Yard Sales

(See *Garage Sales*)

Yard Waste - Zoning

Yard Waste

(See also Leaf Collection)

Accepted yard waste includes grass, bush and shrub cuttings, leaves, garden growth and vines. Waste should be packaged in brown paper yard waste bags or in containers labeled “yard waste only.” Yard waste stickers are available at the Service Department, 3262 Ventura Blvd. Tree limbs four feet in length and one foot in diameter or less may be bundled with twine or string. Do not use plastic or wire to enclose yard waste; these materials cannot be processed. Yard waste is accepted on normal trash days April through December. January through March, schedule a pick up by calling Local Waste Services at 614-409-9375.

YMCA

YMCA - Grove City Branch
3600 Discovery Dr., Grove City, OH 43123
614-871-9622
www.ymcacolumbus.org/grovecity

Vaughn E. Hairston YMCA
3500 First Ave., Urbancrest, OH 43123
614-539-1770
www.ymcacolumbus.org/hairston

Youth Sports

(See Sports)

Zoning

Grove City's Building Division and Development Department work closely to maintain both current and long range zoning plans. For zoning information, contact the Building Division.

Grove City Building Division
4035 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123
614-277-3075
Building.GroveCityOhio.gov